Ministry of Water Resources has not received any such request. However, Government of Maharashtra has informed that a request has been made by them to the Ministry of Environment & Forest which is under their consideration.

Augmentation of ground water in Delhi

746. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether rain harvesting offers a great potential for augmenting ground water resources for the capital and other drought-prone areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Central Ground Water Authority has assessed the extent of water augmentation potential of rain in Delhi and other States; if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken for effectively harvesting rain water for augmenting ground water resources in Delhi and other States during the last two years and how far rain water has been diverted for augmenting ground water resources so far in Delhi and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per assessment made by the Central Ground Water Board, it is estimated that 36453 MCM (Million Cubic Metre) of surplus rain run-off could be augmented to ground water annually in the country. State-wise availability of rain water for ground water recharge in given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The Central Ground Water Board has implemented a Central Sector Scheme on Study of Recharge of Ground Water on "pilot basis" during the IX Five Year Plan at a cost of Rs. 23.48 crore. Under this scheme, a total number of 174 projects have been approved for implementation in 27 States/Union Territories. During the last two years the Board has taken up 155 pilot projects in various States of the country out of which, 15 projects were in Delhi. As per the assessment made so far in the States of Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, NCT of Delhi and Rajasthan, 66690 cubic metre of rain water have been diverted for augmenting ground water resources through experimental studies.

Statement

State-Wise estimated availability of rain water for ground water recharge

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Availability of rain Water (in MCM)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1095
2.	Bihar (including Jharkhand)	1120
3.	Chhattisgarh	258
4.	NCT of Delhi	444
5.	Goa	529
6.	Gujarat	1408
7.	Haryana	685
8.	Himachal Pradesh	149
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	161
10.	Karnataka	2065
11.	Kerala	1078
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2320
13.	Maharashtra	2318
14.	Orissa	406
15.	Punjab	1200
16.	Rajasthan	861
17.	Sikkim	44
18.	Tamil Nadu	3597
19.	Uttar Pradesh (including Uttarachal)	14022
20.	West Bengal	2664
21.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3
22.	Chandigarh	26

World Bank loan for irrigation and water projects of Rajasthan

†747. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURSES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 14 crore for irrigation and water management project of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of farmers to be benefited from the same; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.